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BOLD REDS, CRISP WHITES, GREAT VALUES

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Bruce Sanderson's Recommended Wines From Tuscany

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TOP REDS

WINE SCORE

FATTORIA DI BASCIANO Colli della Toscana Centrale
I Pini 2013 **94**

Lovely aromas of violet, black currant and blackberry highlight this elegant, supple and vibrant red. Cabernet Sauvignon blend.

ITALY

Tuscany / Chianti / Other

88 Fattoria di Basciano Chianti Rufina 2013 **\$16**

The flavors of blueberry and raspberry are appealing in this taut and focused red, with a hint of black pepper and firm but ripe tannins underneath. Best from 2017 through 2024. 30,000 cases made.—B.S.

ITALY

Tuscany / Colli della Toscana Centrale

90 Fattoria di Basciano Colli della Toscana Centrale Vigna il Corto 2013 **\$28** Rich, ripe black cherry and blackberry flavors feature a coating of vanilla and toasty oak in this lush, round red. Stays firm and long, with hints of cedar and spice on the lingering finish. Sangiovese and Cabernet Sauvignon. Best from 2017 through 2023. 2,000 cases made.—B.S.

ITALY

Tuscany / Colli della Toscana Centrale

94 Fattoria di Basciano Colli della Toscana Centrale I Pini 2013 **\$30** Lovely aromas of violet, black currant and blackberry highlight this elegant, supple red. Vibrant and virtually seamless, though this should improve as the components integrate. Spice and mineral accents add depth and line the finish. Shows more finesse than power. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Syrah. Best from 2018 through 2030. 2,000 cases made.—B.S.

ITALY

Tuscany / Chianti / Other

89 Fattoria di Basciano Chianti Rufina Riserva 2012 **\$26** This red is flashy, boasting black cherry and blackberry flavors, wrapped in toasty oak. The fruit is there, but this needs time for the wood notes to integrate. Best from 2017 through 2027. 3,000 cases made.—B.S.



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